

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An A-client multimedia apparatus comprising:~~
a receiver to receive at approximately the same time primary program data and associated secondary program data from a communication channel,
a data storage medium and a data processor operable to record the primary program data and the associated secondary program data on the data storage medium as separate files,
the data processor further being operable to, subsequent to the storage of the primary program data and its associated secondary program data being complete, provide a user interface for selection of the program data files and retrieve a secondary program data file selected by a viewer for display.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-multimedia apparatus of as in~~ claim 1, wherein the secondary program data comprises promotional material selected from the group comprising forms: audio, video, pictures, text and graphics.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-multimedia apparatus of as in~~ claim 1, where the primary program data and secondary program data are in the form of MPEG-2 files.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-multimedia apparatus of as in~~ claim 1, where the secondary program data is of a lower resolution than that of the primary program data.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-multimedia apparatus of as in~~ claim 1, wherein the processor is operable to selectively allow marking of the primary program data for deletion or prolonged keeping upon user input during display of the secondary program data.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises a set top box comprising a multimedia apparatus as in claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) The multimedia apparatus of as in claim 1, further including a display device to display the primary and secondary data retrieved from the storage medium.

9. (Currently Amended) An A-client multimedia apparatus comprising:
a receiver to receive primary program data from a communication channel,
a data storage medium,
a data processor operable to record primary program data on the storage medium, run a software agent arranged to identify and copy portions of the primary program that have been earmarked and store a copy of said earmarked data as an associated secondary program data file, wherein the primary program data and the secondary program data are stored in separate files, the processor further being operable to, subsequent to both the primary data and its associated secondary data having been stored on the storage medium, provide a user interface for selection of the stored program data files and retrieve a secondary program file selected by a viewer for display.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The A-multimedia-apparatus of as in claim 9, wherein the software agent is operable to replace at least a portion of audio data in the secondary program data with audio data from tertiary program data received by the receiver from the communication channel.

12. (Currently Amended) The A-multimedia-apparatus of as in claim 9, wherein the primary program data and secondary program data are in the form of MPEG-2 files.

13. (Currently Amended) The A-multimedia-apparatus of as in claim 9, wherein the secondary program data is of a lower resolution than that of the primary program data.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the apparatus comprises a set top box comprising a multimedia apparatus as in claim 9.~~

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ ~~A~~ multimedia apparatus of as in claim 9, further including a display device to display the primary and secondary data retrieved from the storage medium.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of providing access to program data held in a storage medium within a client multimedia apparatus comprising:
receiving ~~at said apparatus~~ at approximately the same time primary program data and associated secondary program data from a communication channel,
storing said primary program data and the associated secondary program data in separate files, and
subsequent to both the primary program data and its associated secondary program data being stored, providing a user interface for selection of the stored primary program data file and its associated secondary program data file and in response to a selection by a viewer from said user interface, retrieving said secondary program data for display.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ ~~A~~ method of as in claim 16, including receiving the secondary program data in parallel with the primary program content.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ ~~A~~ method of as in claim 16, where the secondary program data comprises promotional material in one or more of the following forms: audio, video, pictures, text or graphics.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ ~~A~~ method of as in claim 16, where the primary program data and secondary program data are in the form of MPEG-2 files.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ ~~A~~ method of as in claim 16, where the secondary program data is of a lower resolution than that of the primary program data.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of providing access to program data held in a storage medium within a client multimedia apparatus comprising:

receiving at said apparatus primary program data from a communication channel,

storing the primary program data on a data storage medium,

running a software application so as to identify and copy earmarked portions of the stored primary program data and store a copy of the earmarked portions as associated secondary program data, wherein the primary program data and the secondary program data are stored in separate files, and

subsequent to both the primary and its associated secondary program data having been stored on the data storage medium, selectively retrieving the secondary program data for display.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-method of as in-claim 21, including replacing at least a portion of audio data in the secondary program data with audio data from tertiary program data received by the receiver from the communication channel.~~

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-method of as in-claim 21, where the secondary program data comprises promotional material in one or more of the following forms: audio, video, pictures, text or graphics.~~

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-method of as in-claim 21, where the primary program data and secondary program data are in the form of MPEG-2 files.~~

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-method of as in-claim 21, where the secondary program data is of a lower resolution than that of the primary program data.~~

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising ~~a computer program for a client multimedia apparatus comprising~~ instructions that when executed by a processor causes the processor to:

receive ~~at said apparatus~~ at approximately the same time primary program data and associated secondary program data from a communication channel,

store said primary program data and the associated secondary program data as separate files, and

subsequent to both the primary program data and its associated secondary program data being stored, provide a user interface for selection of the stored primary program data file and its associated secondary program data file and in response to a selection by a viewer from said user interface, retrieve said secondary program data for display.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising ~~a computer program to be run on a client multimedia apparatus comprising~~ instructions that when executed by a processor causes the processor to:

receive ~~at said apparatus~~ primary program data from a communication channel,

store the primary program data on a data storage medium,

run a software application so as to identify and copy earmarked portions of the stored primary program data and store a copy of the earmarked portions as associated secondary program data, wherein the primary program data and the secondary program data are stored in separate files, and

subsequent to both the primary and its associated secondary program data having been stored on the data storage medium, selectively retrieve the secondary program data for display.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The A client multimedia apparatus of according to claim 1,~~ wherein the receiver and the data processor are configured to receive and record the primary program data and the secondary programming data according to the viewer's instructions and wherein the apparatus further comprises a display to show a list of the recorded secondary programming data to the viewer.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~The A-client multimedia apparatus of according to claim 1,~~ wherein the secondary programming data provides a trailer for the primary programming data.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~An A-client multimedia apparatus comprising:~~
a receiver to receive at approximately the same time primary program data and associated secondary program data from a communication channel,
a data storage medium and a data processor operable to record the primary program data and the associated secondary program data on the data storage medium,
the data processor further being operable to, subsequent to the storage of the primary program data and its associated secondary program data being complete, provide a user interface for selection of the program data files and retrieve a secondary program data file selected by a viewer for display, wherein the secondary programming data is a trailer for the primary programming data.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~An A-client multimedia apparatus comprising:~~
a receiver to receive primary program data from a communication channel,
a data storage medium,
a data processor operable to record primary program data on the storage medium, run a software agent arranged to identify and copy portions of the primary program that have been earmarked and store a copy of said earmarked data as an associated secondary program data file, the processor further being operable to, subsequent to both the primary data and its associated secondary data having been stored on the storage medium, provide a user interface for selection of the stored program data files and retrieve a secondary program file selected by a viewer for display, wherein the secondary programming data provides a trailer for the primary programming data.